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SUBJECT: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:
ROBYN M. WORTHINGTON, AKA ROBYN MARIE EVERMAN,
AKA DIANE ONDA

REF: STATE 194199

1. CONGRESSMAN STARK'S OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT FILES CONTAIN
COMPLAINTS FROM ANDREW ONDA (MS. WORTHINGTON'S FATHER) AND
FROM ROBYN WORTHINGTON ALLEGING MISTREATMENT AND DENIAL OF
RIGHTS IN MS. WORTHINGTON'S CASE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
INFORMATION OR ACTION ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. CONSULAR ACCESS: PER
STARK MATERIAL MR. ONDA AND
MS. WORTHINGTON ALLEGE SHE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO CALL EMBASSY
OR OBTAIN LEGAL ASSISTANCE AT TIME OF ARREST. MR. ONDA
ALLEGES FURTHER THAT DAUGHTER REQUESTED NOTIFY PARENTS OR
RELATIVE RE ARREST. DEPARTMENT NOTES FROM POST FILES THAT
NOTIFICATION WORTHINGTON'S ARREST RECEIVED FOLLOWING DAY
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FROM PERSON CARING FOR MS. WORTHINGTON'S BABY, THAT DAY

FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE DELIVERED LETTER FROM EMBASSY RELATING TO WELFARE OF BABY, PROVIDING LIST OF ATTORNEYS, AND ADVISING HR CONOFF WOULD SEE HER SOON. DEPARTMENT NOTES FURTHER THAT INITIAL INTERVIEW

TOOK PLACE FOUR DAYS FOLLOWING ARREST AND THAT MS. WORTHINGTON ADVISED CONOFF SHE DID NOT WANT FAMILY ADVISED OF HER ARREST. DEPARTMENT COMMENDS POST ON TIMELY ASSISTANCE AND EARLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN ARRANGING FOR MS. WORTHINGTON'S BABY TO LEAVE COUNTRY. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, OVER REFUSAL BY AUTHORITIES IN PERMITTING MS. WORTHINGTON TO CONTACT EMBASSY. IT IS HOPED FUTURE PROBLEMS OF THIS TYPE MAY BE LESSENED IN LIGHT OF GOM INSTRUCTIONS (PER MEXICO 8665) RECENTLY SENT OUT TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT MEXICO THAT POST IN AREA BE NOTIFIED UPON ARREST OF U.S. CITIZEN.

3. VISITATION: PER STARK MATERIAL WORTHINGTON ALLEGES SHE WAS VISITED BY CONOFF ONLY 5 TIMES IN 16 MONTHS AND THAT "REQUESTS FOR MORE FREQUENT VISITS ARE IGNORED." DEPARTMENT NOTES POST FILES INDICATE 8 VISITS IN PERIOD JUNE 73 - OCTOBER 74, ALTHOUGH WORTHINGTON EITHER DID NOT APPEAR OR REFUSED TO SEE CONOFF ON THREE OF THOSE VISITS. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED HOWEVER THAT FILE DOES NOT CONTAIN NOTES ON ANY VISITS TO WORTHINGTON BETWEEN OCTOBER 74 AND JUNE 75. WAS SHE DECLINING TO SEE CONOFFS? IF SO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN FILE.

4. COMMISSIONED JOB: NO INDICATION IN FILE THAT WORTHINGTON HAS COMMISSIONED JOB TO REDUCE SENTENCE. PLEASE VERIFY IF SHE HAS, WANTS, OR IS ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH JOB. IF SHE WANTS AND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN JOB, TRY TO ASSIST HER TO GET ONE.

5. EXTORTION BY ATTORNEYS: PER STARK MATERIAL WORTHINGTON ALLEGES SHE AND FELLOW-PRISONER JAMES DEAN BROWN HAVE PAID THEIR ATTORNEYS, LIC. PABLO GOMEZ SOTOMAYOR AND LPC. BELLO SOLIS, A TOTAL OF DOLS 19,000 AND "BOTH LAWYERS CONTINUALLY LIED TO US, DEMANDED UNCLASSIFIED

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MONEY, MADE FALSE PROMISES, AND WOULD DO NOTHING." IF WORTHINGTON SO DESIRES, AND SHE OR HER FAMILY HAVE DOCUMENTATION SUCH AS CONTRACT, RECEIPTS, ETC., POST IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE HER OF PROCEDURES IN ACTING AGAINST SUCH ATTORNEYS.

6. ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST: WORTHINGTON ALLEGES PER STARK MATERIAL THAT AT TIME OF ARREST, JUNE 17, 1973, SHE W

WAS SLAPPED, HAD HER HAIR PULLED, AND WWS TOLD THAT SHE
WOULD NEVER SEE HER DAUGHTER ALIVE AGAIN UNLESS SHE
SIGNED A CONFESSION, ALTHOUGH NO COMPLAINT IS NOTED IN
CONOFF'S RECORD OF VISIT WITH HER ONLY 4 DAYS AFTER
ARREST WHEN IT ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED. UNLESS POST HAS
REASON TO BELIEVE HER ALLEGATION CAN BE SUBSTANTIATED, NO
ACTION APPEARS POSSIBLE.

7. POST SHOULD CABLE NO LATER THAN 11/20/75 STATUS OF
ACTIONS INITIATED OR COMPLETED ONHWORTHINGTON. KISSINGER

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